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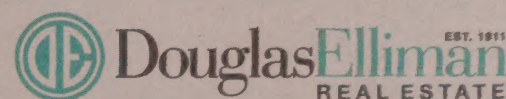
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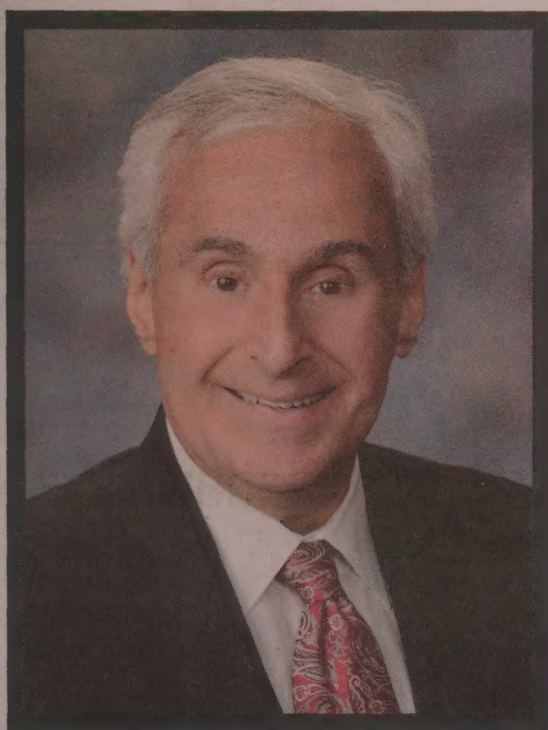
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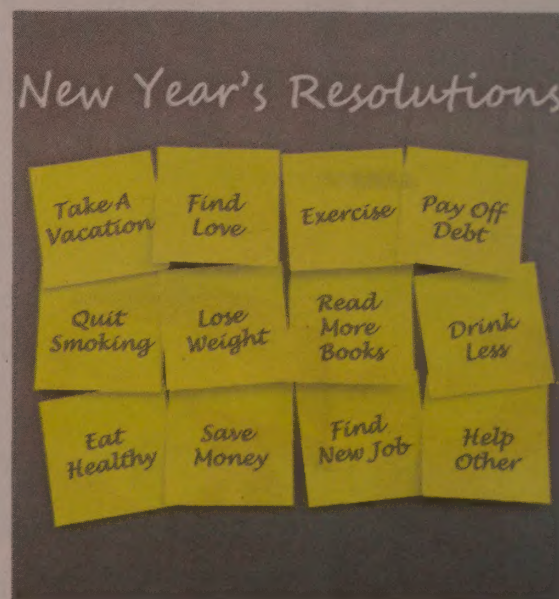
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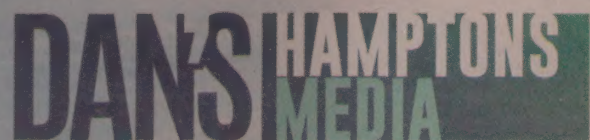


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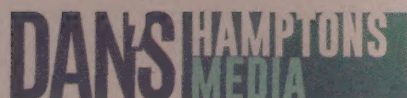
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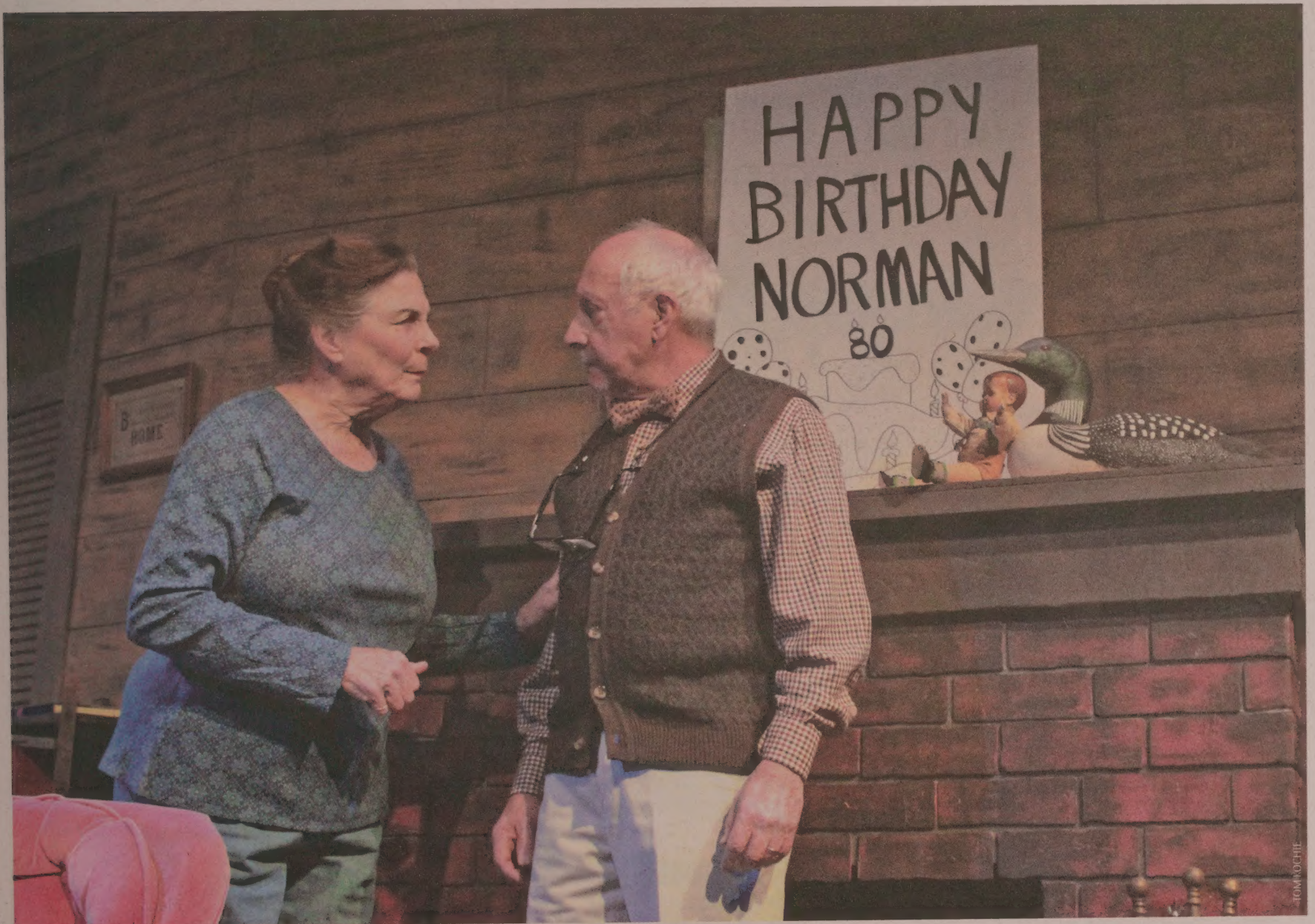
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Water Mill resident **Jennifer Lopez** makes a cameo appearance in a promotional video for *The Corp*, a new podcast hosted by her beau, **Alex Rodriguez**. In the promo, released last week, the singer and actress discovers **Dan Katz**, *The Corp*'s co-host, hanging in her living room—and hoping to be adopted by the famous couple. *The Corp* features interviews with VIPs from different industries, including **Kobe Bryant**, **Mike Francesca** and **Barbara Corcoran**. It debuted December 6 and has already been renewed for a second season.

Sagaponack's **Jimmy Fallon** visited the Long Island Aquarium in Riverhead last week. Along with his two daughters, the *Tonight Show* host mingled with wildlife and met **Jimmy Tallon**, the aquarium's screech owl—and Fallon's namesake.

**Beyoncé** and **Jay-Z** are good for business. After the East Hampton power couple featured the Louvre in their "Apes—t" video, the Paris museum welcomed 10.2 million visitors in 2018, a 25% increase from the previous year. Crediting Bey and Jay-Z with the boost, the museum launched a 90-minute "Jay-Z and Beyoncé at the Louvre" tour in July.

Bridgehampton's **Jacqui Lofaro**, founder and executive director of Hamptons Doc Fest, announced that two films from the December festival have made the Oscars short list of 15 films for Best Documentary Feature! *Free Solo*, directed by **Jimmy Chin** and **Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelyi**, about free solo climber **Alex Honnold**, which won the film fest's Audience Award, and *Three Identical Strangers*, about Long Island triplets separated at birth, directed by **Tim Wardle**, winner of the film fest's Breakout Director Award. The final five nominees will be announced on January 22.

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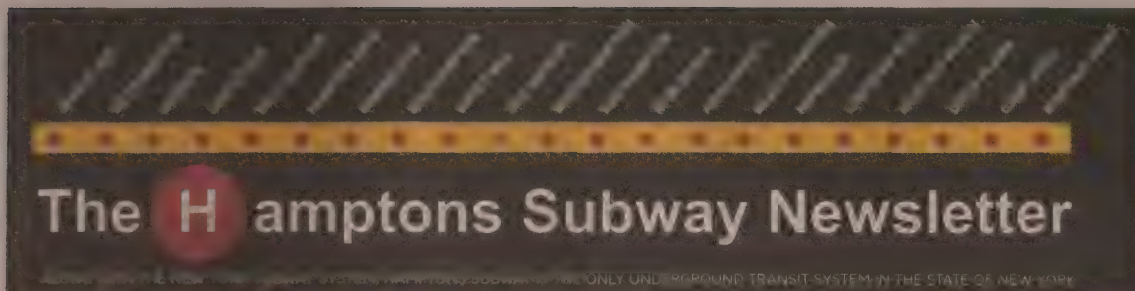
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BY DAN RATTINER

Week of January 11–17, 2019

Riders this past week: 33,523

Rider miles this past week: 88,312

**DOWN IN THE TUBE**

Golden Globe-winning director Alfonso Cuarón (*Roma*) and director of Golden Globe-winning *Bohemian Rhapsody* star Rami Malek were seen on the Hamptons Subway platform on Tuesday in Southampton discussing a future project they might do together, according to our spotter. Lindsay Lohan was seen with her father traveling from Quogue to Westhampton on Wednesday.

**STEEL WALL**

The 12-foot steel wall boxing off the entrance to the Hamptons Subway at street level in Westhampton Beach may have to be re-done, but there are currently no funds left to re-do it. Built at the executive order of President Trump to stop immigrants from coming to Westhampton Beach by subway—steel walls will follow at the entrances to the other 14 stops—it was supposed to be built at street level only at the top of the up escalator, but

instead it blocks both the up and down escalators. The escalators thus cannot be used for either coming or going. As cost overruns needed to block both escalators have wiped out all the funding for that location, the President has so far not issued more funding, which means the extra wall stays in place for now. To access the Westhampton Beach platform, either up or down, use the stairs.

**ADDITION TO OUR BUILDING**

Hamptons Subway desperately needs an addition to our building on Ponquogue Avenue in Hampton Bays, but the project is being held up by the Southampton Planning Board and the Hampton Bays Historical Society.

Our four-story building was originally constructed in 1936, well before zoning. Designed by Hitler's architect Albert Speer, it is a historic structure, the only example of monumental Third Reich architecture ever built in America. (America and Germany were friends in 1936). The Planning Board's position is that although the original building before zoning is grandfathered in, no extensions can be made since the grandfathering. The Historical Society's objections are about the historical protections offered this building, but

not any future extension. The addition is needed to house the TSA security officials who screen everyone who uses the subway (without their knowledge.) Currently, they operate out of a broom closet. They also need the extra space for the holding cells.

**SPIKE IN USAGE**

The recent arrival of cold weather has resulted in an increase in the daily number of people using the system. Some people are now riding the subway because it's a thing to do, a tourist attraction that is warm this time of year. We expect the ridership will decline come springtime as people stop using it just to say warm.

**NEW ARRANGEMENT WITH WALMART**

To fight Amazon, Walmart has reached out to Hamptons Subway for a partnership, and we have been happy to oblige. Beginning on January 15, you can order by phone what you need from the closest Walmart, the one in Riverhead, and then go down to your nearest subway stop and pick up your purchase where Walmart will set it on the platform for you to take home. All you have to do is let them know which stop you will be picking up at and when. An email will alert you when it arrives to go down and pick it up. Much better than having to drive all the way to Riverhead. (Our cut of the transaction is your subway card swipe to let you through the turnstiles to get it).

**COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE**

My staff goes all out to find new ways to make you happy using Hamptons Subway. Kudos to all of them. 🐶

# Police BLOTTER

COMPILED BY DANIEL KOONTZ

**EAST HAMPTON DOG OWNER CHARGED WITH VIGILANTISM**

Acting on a tip, the Hamptons Police on Thursday raided an East Hampton home and arrested the property owner, Lionel Bolling. The police allege that the basement of Bolling's home contained apparatus that was being used in plans to illegally inflict "cruel and unusual punishment" upon his neighbor.

"This was the culmination of a long-running dispute," says Hamptons Police spokesman Larry Hirsch. "Mr. Bolling's neighbor keeps a rather large number of dogs as pets, and the two had

been squabbling over dog-related issues for years." According to Hirsch, over the years Bolling had taken issue with barking that went on at all hours of the day and night, and had threatened to get animal control officers involved. Bolling had also complained of large amounts of dog feces winding up on his property, accusing his neighbor of failing to confine his animals to his own property or to clean up after them. "There was a lot of tension in this relationship, in other words," says Hirsch.

The tension had ratcheted up about two months ago, say other residents of the neighborhood, after several of the neighbor's dogs went missing when a gate along the 12-foot-high fence separating the properties was discovered open. Bolling denied he had done this, but received what he called "threatening letters" from lawyers representing the neighbor. After the missing dogs returned home and neighbor added four more pups to the mix, "Mr. Bolling became increasingly unhinged about the whole situation," according to a nearby resident.

The dispute between Mr. Bolling and the potential victim raged on until the victim disappeared from the neighborhood about three

weeks ago. "Neighbors just assumed he had gone someplace sunny for the winter," says Hirsch, "and we got a call to come investigate."

The reality they discovered was much darker than that. The official report says that the items found in the basement of Bolling's home include a digital movie projector, the speaker system reported stolen from the last Metallica world tour, a 40-foot-high inflatable screen and 43 Blu-Ray DVD copies of the film *101 Dalmatians*. It appears that Bolling had been planning to put the screen up against the fence and screen the movie nonstop above his neighbor's yard.

"Mr. Bolling seems to have decided to take matters of the law and justice into his own hands," says Hirsch, "acting as judge and jury and ready to sentence his neighbor to torture with continuous viewing of this film. We can only imagine the irreparable harm that might have been done to both the homeowner and the dogs." When pressed, Hirsch allowed that *101 Dalmatians* is a quite an entertaining film, but, he was quick to add, "that's not the point." 🐶

Read more Hamptons Police Blotter on [DansPapers.com](http://DansPapers.com).

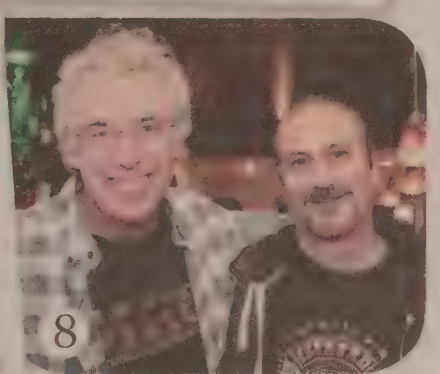
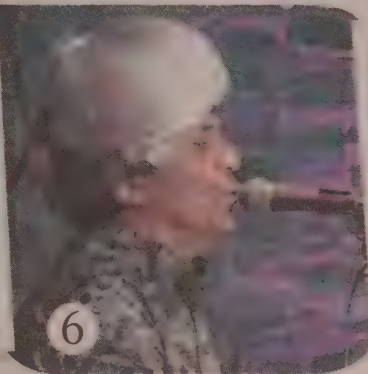
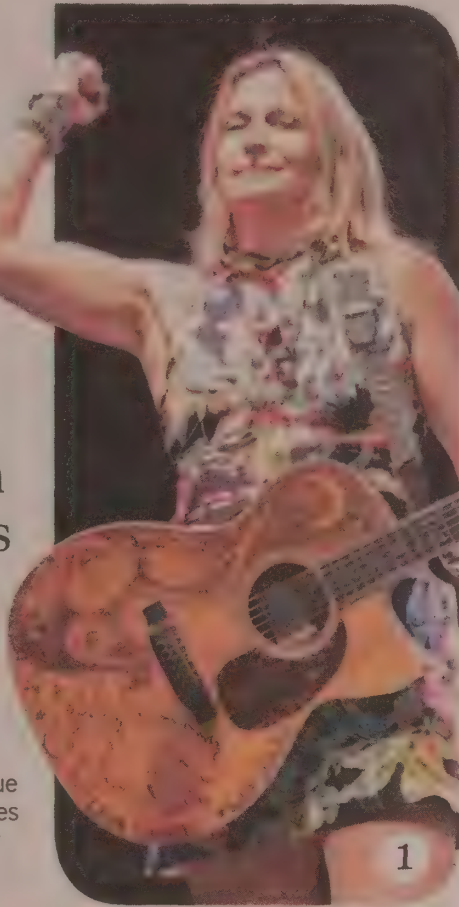




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## Fireside Sessions with Nancy Atlas & Friends

Nancy Atlas kicked off the 6th year of Fireside Sessions at Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor on Saturday, January 5 with special guest performers pianist Henry Haid and saxophonist George Cortez. Presented by Bay Street and Dan's Papers, and sponsored by Audi of Southampton, South Fork Peak Savers, Coors Light and Blue Moon Brewing Company, the series continues every Saturday night in January with Nancy taking the stage with new guests for each show! Photographs by Barbara Lassen



1. Nancy Atlas rocked the house at Bay Street Theater during the first Fireside Sessions concert of the year

2. Johnny Blood

3. George Cortez

4. Ginny Blank, Jen Moriarty, Matt Rayburn, Nadine Rayburn, Bob Blank

5. Patricia Haid, Amy Ball, Christine Gilles

6. Henry Haid from the Broadway hit *Movin' Out*

7. Bartender Mark Keerans poured Coors Light and Blue Moon throughout the night

8. Drummer Richard Rosch, Joe Licata

9. Sue Daniels, Ben Zwirn, Vickie Lawrence, Al Daniels

10. Nancy Atlas & Friends on stage



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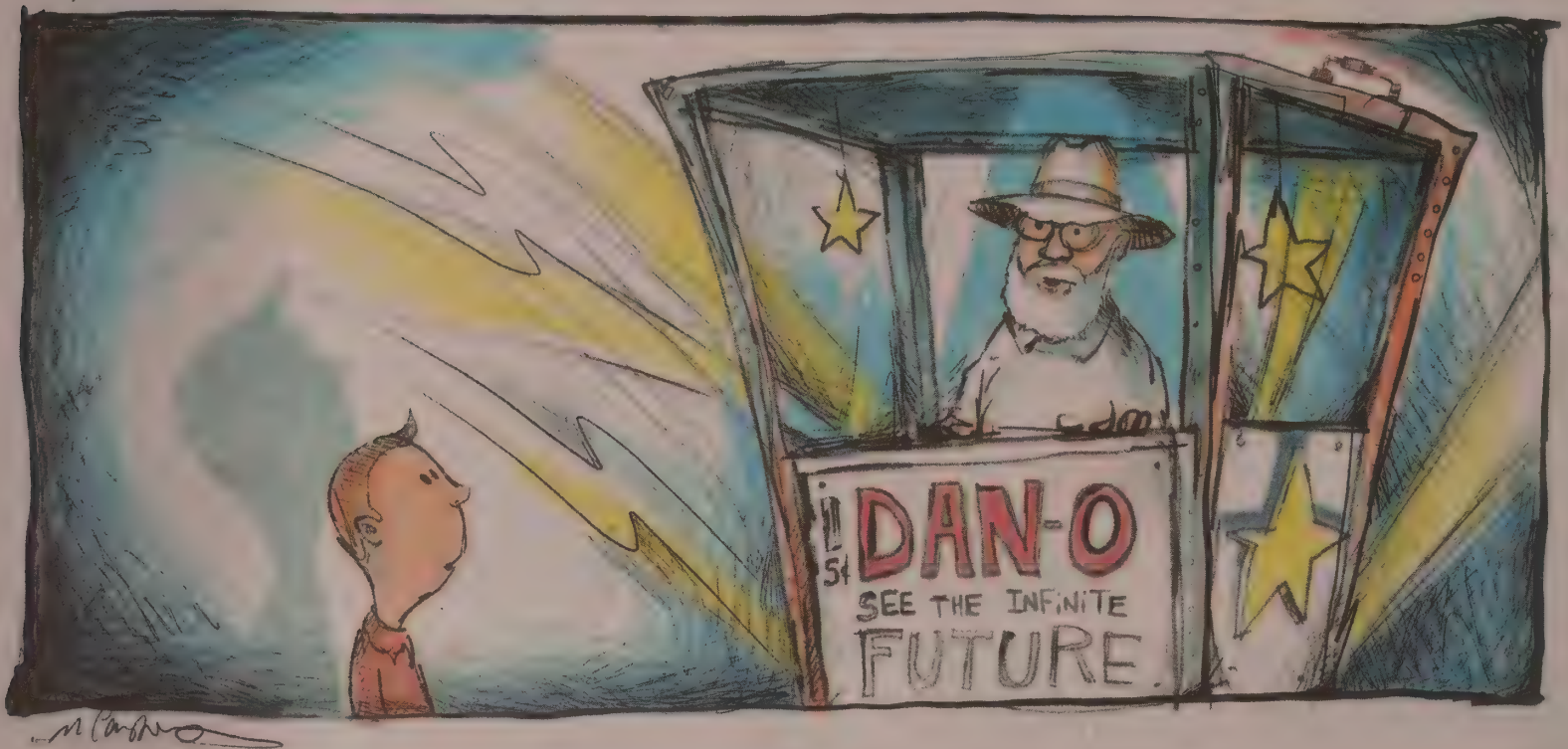
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# In 2019....

*These Are My Happy Times Predictions for the New Year*

## THINGS TO COME



BY DAN RATTINER

The United States and the Chinese shake hands on a deal to end their standoff. They will henceforth be 50-50 partners on the "Belt and Road" program and will settle up their accounts together at the end of every year by splitting that year's profits. In addition, the two countries agree to ignore the problem of polluting the atmosphere with carbon dioxide and instead focus on the problem of cleaning it up as they create it. China's contribution will be to require the 1 million young engineering students graduating this year to come up with a new chemical compound that will clump up all the excess carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, while the American contribution will be to fire robot rockets into the atmosphere capable of rolling up the clumped CO<sub>2</sub> into a huge, filthy ball and have it fired off into space as an enormous dirty planet circling the sun, called TrumpXi. There will be two headquarters for the new partnership, one in the East and one in the West. The one in the East will be in Beijing. The one in the West will be in Long Island City.

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The ever-increasing robo-call sales pitch

phone call problem will be solved by everybody in America never answering their phones. Going forward, all wanted phone calls will be arranged for a particular time by text, an hour ahead.

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The Donald Trump Charitable Trust went out of the non-profit business last month, but it re-emerge as a profitable business called the Donald Trump University & Charitable Trust at the end of the year.

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Congress will pass a bipartisan bill (signed by Trump with his left hand while tweeting with his right) requiring the President to tweet his thoughts 24 hours a day at three-minute intervals and just rest in between. He jumps at the chance and the stock market surges to a new high.

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The country becomes obsessed by the controversial lyrics of the Christmas Song "Baby, It's Cold Outside," which suggest that a woman, after much urging, agrees to spend the night with a man against her will, or at least against her



better judgment. Some argue it's against #MeToo, while others argue it is against #Christmas, and in the end it is decided that instead of banning it, earplugs will be issued to anyone wishing not to hear it on their music provider's playlist, and three shakes of a jingle bell will announce that in 10 seconds it will be played, so put your earplugs in.

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Part of a second Christmas song will be banned in 2019: "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." It clearly promotes bullying. Thus, its second verse will be changed from "All of the other reindeer, used to laugh and call him names, they never let poor Rudolph play in any reindeer games" to "All of the other reindeer, proud of his odd but cute little nose, vote to have him up front to take the sleigh through the darkness to wherever Santa wants it to go."

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The Dan's Papers "Best of the Best" contest will announce in the fall, when the 2019 awards are given out, that the "Best Resort Community" in the world is "The Hamptons," in a tie with "The North Fork." Lagging behind are Palm Beach, the Riviera and Hawaii.

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Elon Musk vanishes for a week, then turns up on Mars, standing atop a bluff and looking through binoculars at a cherry red Tesla drifting by with its right turn blinker on. Thank goodness, he's okay. His people were worried about him.

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Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Theresa May will announce that they will have a re-vote to decide whether they should Brexit or Brenter. The EU says, well, whatever. All of the Scandinavian countries in the EU, just fed up to here with all this, express their frustration by stamping their feet...or maybe it's because of where they live, it's so cold.

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The head of Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg, is arrested and charged with being a witch. His defense is that he can't get a fair trial in America because of social media, and the judge in the case rules in his favor. But the judge also rules that Zuckerberg can't get a fair trial anywhere in the world, so he commands that Zuckerberg be shot off into outer space and tried there.

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President Trump, after two years of acting on what his gut tells him, has an annual checkup at which he is diagnosed with an acute case of irritable bowel syndrome, and for the sake of the country will need to stop using his gut for the rest of his term, after which he should retire. Congress announces they are sorry he is not feeling well and so will not send him to jail for the

crimes he committed before becoming President. The stock market soars.

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Model Gisele Bundchen files for divorce from football player Tom Brady, saying their third Super Bowl was never consummated.

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President Trump and Congress agree to Trump's plan to build a stainless steel wall 50 feet high on our southern border with the understanding that any Mexican who can climb over it and come down safely on the other side would be a credit to America, a contender for the American Olympic Gymnastics Team and clearly a health nut and not a drug dealer and so be granted immediate citizenship. Those who come down injured will be fired out of a cannon and over the wall, back to Mexico.

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Bernie Sanders leads all other contenders toward the Democratic Party nomination for president in 2020, but then, in a strange turn, is found by the pollsters to be trailing Mr. Trump in a head-to-head matchup, even though Trump has already announced he is not going to run again. On the other hand, the CIA finds that the Russian government has hacked the poll company results and has readjusted the numbers.

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The leading contender for the Republican nomination is Jared Kushner. But when it's learned he is not only 100% Jewish but also one-

quarter African-American, one-eighth Cherokee and one-eighth Mexican, he is forced to withdraw his candidacy, because these numbers just don't add up.

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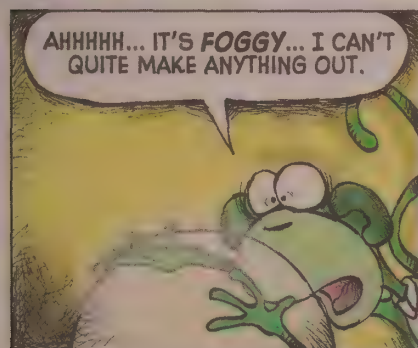
A 100-story Trump Tower is discovered having secretly been built in the Russian port city of Vladivostok. Based on tracks in the dirt, it appears to have been built and dragged off to there from Moscow.

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Jeff Bezos, the Chairman of Amazon, announces that through his online information gathering, his firm has learned exactly what everyone needs and wants, when they want it and whether it is for themselves or somebody else. As a result, he is taking over everybody's Amazon accounts and henceforth will have computers do the ordering, shipping and credit card payments in a timely fashion. This frees up everybody to do something else, he says. Wash your dog, feed a homeless person, give to charity, study to be a doctor, sleep late, take a holiday—but don't go for too far or for too long, as all the boxes will pile up at the front door of your house.

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The first completely autonomous car is put on sale, sold and launched out into traffic in Pittsburgh. But after four blocks it swerves off the road and into a utility pole. A study determines that the robot driving the car had an alcohol level of 1.9 and had fallen asleep at the wheel. 🍷





# WW3?

*Suddenly the Rise of China Is an Aggressive Act Toward War*



BY DAN RATTINER

I think history will mark the end of the peaceful recent generation as the moment that Donald Trump got up to speak at the United Nations and declared that, for him, America came first. He urged other nations to do the same. Life would be better for everybody that way.

It won't. In recent weeks (it's been that quick) our view of China has gone from friendly competitor who might soon surpass us on the world stage—oh well, you win some, you lose some—to the rising of a beast that must be confronted.

What is the cause of this sudden change in our viewpoint?

Our leader has denounced international trade. Now it's nation by nation. In the past, for example, when the wealthy Arabs built Dubai, we applauded them. It was not a threat. It was a new Las Vegas, a new destination for holidays. A friendly competitor, in a small country ruled by a prince.

At the present time, China is financing a new capital city for Egypt to replace the crumbling facilities in Cairo. It will be on the Nile nearby to Cairo in what is now desert, and will be built to have a population of about 6 million

people. The investment for China is \$11 billion.

Why China and not the United States? The U.S. is withholding funds because human rights issues are being violated in Egypt.

Here's a quote from General Ahmed Zaki Abdeen, an Egyptian overseeing the construction of the new capital, to *The New York Times*:

"Stop talking to us about human rights. Come and do business with us. The Chinese are coming—they are seeking win-win situations. Welcome to the Chinese."

The EU is withholding infrastructure funding for Hungary and Poland for the same reason. So, China has arrived and is financing a superhighway and high-speed rail link from Hungary to Serbia in the Balkans. They'll be their friend.

International trade has had its problems. American blue-collar workers have been getting the short end of the stick. But working together has kept us out of war. The new nationalism is a war waiting to happen. This is no longer about mankind. America has been #1. That's the American flag on the moon. We intend to keep it that way. China has this week landed on the far side of the moon. The war could start if the Chinese creep around to the near side of the moon and try to remove our American flag we planted there.

Strangely enough, the editors of *The New York Times* ordered a long, thoughtful study done about China, truly expecting, I believe, that the result would show our trade war with China to be ill-conceived. Instead, the story support's Donald Trump's position. The *Times* study fills an entire 20-page section of the paper. In its entirety, it's about 20,000 words. Who reads such long articles? Well, I did.

Its headline is "China Rules." And the stories that follow would lead you to think that the smiling face of Chairman Xi, now that we have America First and China First, is worth a few million American sons killed or wounded in an attempt to rid the earth of this scourge. Did the editors even read their own story? It comes out the opposite of what until now the *Times* has espoused. And nowhere in the article do they acknowledge this. They just sound the alarm.

The authors of this study suggest that the high-speed rail link between Hungary and Serbia is a transportation link that will cut through one of the "chokepoints" for goods around the world so they can continue to flow to China, but not anywhere else. The *Times* identifies five such chokepoints they say the Chinese want to control. They are the Suez Canal, the Straits of Hormuz, the Straits of Gibraltar, the Horn of Africa (the



Chinese now have a port at Djibouti), the Straits of Malacca and the entrance to the Black Sea between Turkey and Greece. (The Chinese have invested heavily in Piraeus.)

"At any one of these places, an outbreak of hostility could imperil China's free movement around the world," the *Times* reports. They could have said it would imperil the United States' free movement around the world. Same thing.

The *Times* writes that, contrary to popular belief, China hates foreigners. "China sees history as Chinese mastery degraded by Colonial depravity. They teach that Chinese mastery led to the invention of the compass, gunpowder, paper and printing." The *Times* says Britain brought the Chinese to heel with opium, the Japanese with brutality and the United States by charges of 'human rights.' That's what Chinese educators teach their kids.

The *Times* fans the flames around the Chinese theft of intellectual property, the subsidizing of state-owned companies to create unfair competition and their dumping many products in America below cost.

Furthermore, the Chinese Navy has taken over the China Sea that is bordered by, in addition to China, the Philippines, Indonesia, Taiwan and Vietnam. These waters used to be the playground of America's Pacific Fleet in the same way that the Caribbean is the playground of America's Atlantic Fleet. How dare they!

Ready to go to war, ain't ya?

Let's review a few things.

When Winston Churchill became prime minister, he said, "I have not become the King's prime minister in order to preside over the liquidation of the British Empire." But in the end, with colonies rebelling 10 years after the war ended, he did it anyway, with great grace.

One might note the obvious, which is that 20 years from now, China will be the #1 force in the world, not the United States. This year, America is graduating about 4 million college students. China is graduating 8 million college students. We can't stop this. They with their 1.6 billion people are the future. We, with our 400 million people, are not. Are we to go to war to stop this?

Ever wonder why the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in 1941? Those were the days before the United Nations and before international trade wars. Nations pitted themselves against other nations. Everybody was looking for a win.

The Japanese were taking over the economies and governments of dozens of countries along the Pacific Rim. They were threatening Australia. They were threatening India. In 1940, the Japanese war machine rolled along by buying American oil. President Roosevelt decided to punish the Japanese for brutally expanding their empire. He ordered America to stop selling oil to the Japanese. In response, the Japanese (or as we called them at the time, the Japs), attacked the entire Pacific Fleet in a stroke at Pearl Harbor, sinking most of it. A crippled American Navy couldn't stop the Japs. The Japanese military would simply take over the oil wells in Indonesia, Malaysia and Myanmar (formerly Burma) by force for their military. It was a bold gamble. And it didn't work. But they tried anyway.

In the Cold War, the Russians took over other countries by force. Tucking them in behind the Iron Curtain cut off all business with America and made them subservient to a brutal dictatorship in Moscow. America would fall like an apple from a tree. We had to stop them, and we did.



IS THIS WHAT THEY MEAN BY COLONIZATION?

In today's world of international trade, rivals battle for a piece of the pie and everybody benefits. Toyotas are made in America; McDonald's does business in Beijing. A Russian owns the Brooklyn Nets. So what?

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# Hoaxing Is Dead

*Choose Your Truth from All the Lies Online. It's Fun.*

DAN... FAKE DAN... ???



BY DAN RATTNER

One of the hallmarks of *Dan's Papers* is hoaxing. Publish a story so preposterous that it couldn't be real, and then enjoy letting the readership tell their friends about it to have a good laugh. Ultimately, the readers will come across a gullible person who believes it. Then there's the fun about convincing a gullible person they've been had and get with the program.

There was the time when I wrote a story that next summer it will be illegal for any car other than a Mercedes-Benz to park in the Hamptons. It would be good for business.

Another time I reported that Hamptons potato farmers staged a rebellion against the government by sealing off the South Fork at the Shinnecock Canal. U.S. Marines trying to cross it were driven back by farmers firing vegetables from potato bazookas at them. (Eventually the U.S. lost.)

I have to say, though, it is getting harder and harder to pull off a harmless hoax. It's not only because every day our President tweets a few dozen fictional statements as if they were real. It's also because of the changing times. Today, with the internet, so many stories told turn out to be both preposterous and real.

There's a radio program I like called *Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!* It is broadcast on NPR each Saturday at 11 a.m. The host introduces a celebrity whose job it is to listen to three "facts" and decide which one of the three is real. A. B. or C. Win and you get a prize.

Here's a recent collection:

The topic is Spam, the food. Recently, the marketing department at Hormel decided on a new slogan.

Which is real?

- A. "Meat with a Pause Button."
- B. "Extruded Meat for Extra Safety."
- C. "That Military Bunker Won't Wait."

The correct answer is A.

Which Christmas tradition is real?

- A. In Venezuela, Catholics go to mass and communion on Christmas Day on roller skates.
- B. In Norway, Christmas is celebrated with candy corn, which is raw corn dipped in candy.
- C. In Spain, there's a song about logs that melt and go down a hole. They're called Pooping Logs.

The answer is A.

What's the customary way for a boy to let a girl know that he is interested in her in Wales?

- A. Walk loudly past her.
- B. Carve her a homemade spoon.
- C. Go far away, as far as you possibly can, and write her a letter.

The answer is B

Did I ever tell you about the truthiness of the Hamptons Subway newsletter that appears in *Dan's Papers* every week? Yes, as a public service, we have agreed to publish their newsletter every week. You can learn about delays and new services, safety concerns and new hires. When an employee has a birthday, we

sing "Happy Birthday" and cut the cake in the cafeteria of the Hamptons Subway building in Hampton Bays.

When I tell people about this, there is usually a long pause while they process it, and if they don't smile, I say, "Actually, there is no Hamptons Subway, but if there were, we'd publish their newsletter."

When I first started publishing the newsletter, which was over 10 years ago, about 20% of the people made that pause. Today it has risen to 50%.

Yes, the internet is a good thing. It's a good thing if you need to know the exact date that Napoleon fought the battle of Waterloo. Or how old Vice President Pence is.

But did you know that Napoleon's most shocking loss as a leader wasn't at Waterloo, but to a bunch of bunnies?

It was one of the correct answers on *Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!* To celebrate signing the Treaties of Tilsit (ending the war between the French and the Russians), just for sport Napoleon arranged for his senior generals to join him on a rabbit hunt. They let the bunnies loose, but instead of running away, the bunnies attacked Napoleon and his officers.

Is the truth dead? Has Hormel put out a new variation of Spam for those who eat only kosher food? Is it possible that American democracy will die because of its inability to tell truth from fiction?

Only the Russians (and the Chinese) know for sure. 🐰



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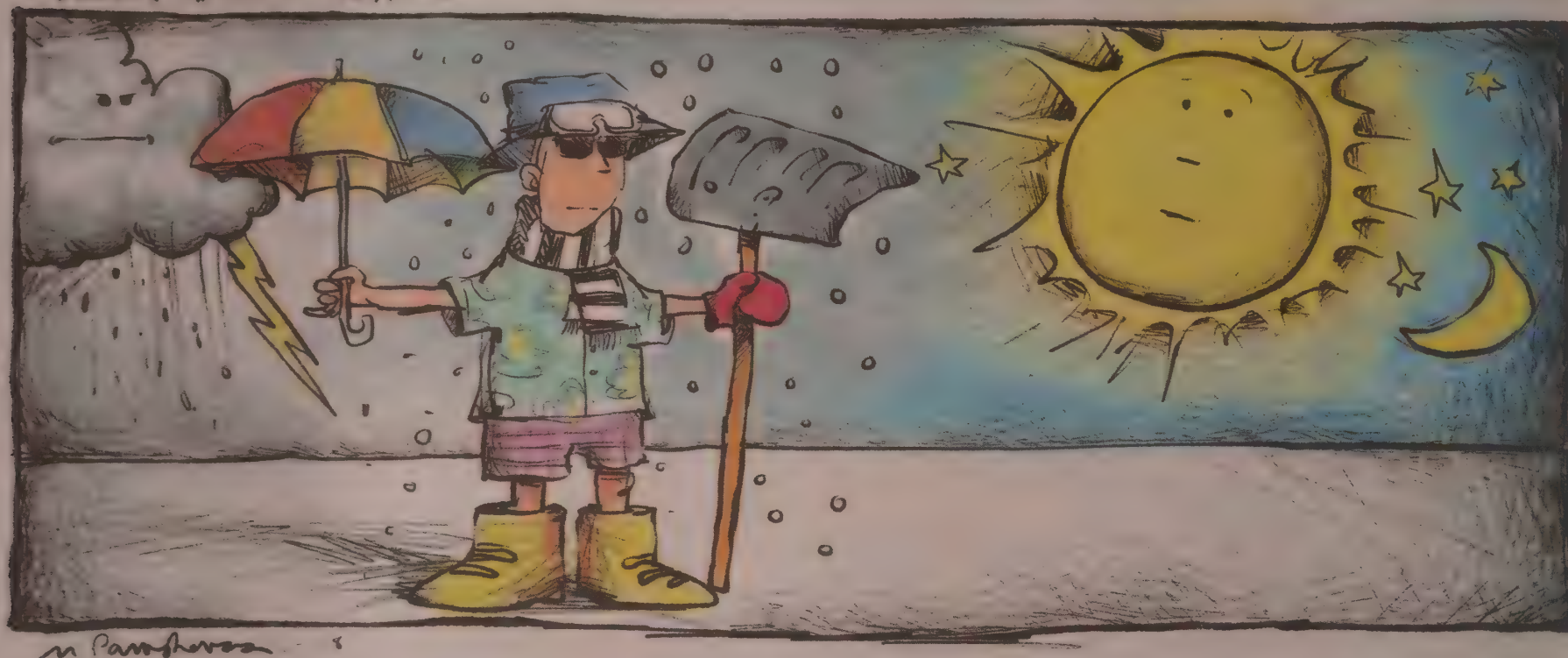
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# Weather 2018

*It Rained Like Hell in the Hamptons, But NOAA Can't Tell You for Sure*

READY FOR ANYTHING



BY DAN RATTNER

All us media people have our little tricks. Something happens in town, we have people in government we can call. Thus we can bring you the latest news and, if we are so inclined, our perspective on it.

It came to my attention this fall that we've had a bit of rain here in the Hamptons, maybe four days every week. I noticed it first right after the film festival. And it went on and on, a bit of rain every day. It reminded me of Seattle. They say Seattle gets buckets of rainfall every year, and the totals are high, but not that high. It's the frequency of the rain that leads you to that conclusion. It comes down in little showers almost every day. So you get a lot of cloudy times and not so much sun. What was happening here in the Hamptons during the last quarter of the year reminded me of that. Cloudy and not much sun in the fall means a downturn in tourism. It was noticeable to me that the downtowns were not so crowded as usual. Parking was not a problem. Was I correct?

I knew who to call. I have an in with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric (NOAA) weather center people in Islip. So I called them, told the person who answered the phone what I wanted to know and asked if I could speak to the guy I know. Boy, was I in for a surprise.

"We can't talk to you," he said, bitterly. "It's the shutdown. We're only sending out weather alerts. Call back when the government shutdown is over and we can give you the stats about last quarter."

Unspoken was they were not getting paid.

So there you have it, straight from the horse's mouth. NOAA is furloughed to the basics. Mum's the word.

So here's my source for the rain almost every day from October through December. I shoot hoops in my driveway, weather permitting, every day. I have a backboard attached to the garage. This fall, weather was not permitting. I can't play in the rain. I was playing two days a week, maybe three. That's my source. Take it or leave it.

Here's the compromise that I think should be agreed upon to end the shutdown. The compromise involves both sides doing something they don't want to do.

Build a fence along the southern border where there is no fence. Keep in mind that prior presidents have built tall fences in places. This is not new. It is just that our president is so obnoxious. Overlook that.

In exchange for building still more fences to complete the job, the existing base of immigrants without paperwork should be given a path to citizenship that would take five years—not only the dreamers and not only those fleeing danger back home, but all of them, except those who have been arrested and convicted of major crimes during the last 10 years. They should be deported, and if they come back, jailed.

I would make the cut-off point for illegal immigration amnesty be the day most of the fences are in place and the law is put into effect.

Nancy Pelosi says no wall should be built because that is not what America is all about. Well, it's also not about law-abiding people without papers terrified to be in what is the

equivalent of a fascist state where federal officers can tap them on the shoulder anytime and send them off to a holding pen. This has been going on since the George W. Bush presidency. Obama built fences too.

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Life was so much simpler in the old days. The weather service in the Hamptons between 1930 and 2015 was attended to by Richard G. Hendrickson, a farmer who lived on Lumber Lane in Bridgehampton and kept his weather data equipment on his property. He was my secret contact for all those years, until he passed on at the age of 103, and right up to the end he could recite to me over the phone—and to anyone else who called or stopped by—the number of rain dates we had in October, November and December compared to the normal.

He lived through it all. He told me all about the day the Hurricane of '38 came through and all his chickens were blown four feet up against the inside of the chicken-wire fence.

And he could tell you that temperatures exceeding 100 in the shade took place about every five years in the Hamptons, but now it's three times a summer. "It's global warming," he said. And he knew.





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# New York Cancer & Blood Specialists Revolutionize Care

BY DAVID TAYLOR

Cancer care in the Hamptons just received a major upgrade. The New York Cancer & Blood Specialists unveiled a state-of-the-art PET/CT scanner at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at their South Fork location, Southampton Medical Oncology, on Wednesday, December 19.

The new device is a 2018 Discovery IQ manufactured by GE Healthcare, the first of its kind on the East End. It's capable of performing both positron emission tomography (PET) and computed tomography (CT), and it provides superior image quality in a shorter scan time while giving patients much less radiation exposure compared to older models. Prior to its installation, Southampton patients would have to drive to the East Setauket location to use a hybrid scanner, but now premium care is easily accessible.

While similar in function, the two scanning techniques detect cancer in different ways and are both vital to diagnosis and management. CT, or CAT, scans use rotating x-rays to detect tumors and assess their size, shape, solidity and exact location in the body. They've also been used to find abscesses, strokes, head injuries and internal bleeding.

"From the modalities—the MRIs, CT scans, X-rays, ultrasounds—PET scans are a

bit different," Radiology Manager Ana Pakal explains. "A PET scan looks at the cellular level, and it picks up the disease at an early stage, where with MRIs and CT scans, you have to wait for the disease to progress, then they pick up on it." PET scans do this by utilizing a radioactive tracer injected into the patient, which gets absorbed more rapidly by cancer cells than by healthy

recommended by the doctors. "PET scans set the stage for all of our patients, whether they go to chemo or whether they have to go for treatments or if the chemo needs to be changed, because PET scans determine the effectiveness of the chemo and all the procedures that follow it," Pakal says. "By having it in-house, it works better for the patient."

With such precise early detection, one might assume that PET scans are the only viable diagnostic imaging technique, however there's a vitally important reason why Southampton is getting a hybrid scanner. "[Patients] need to wait about three months in order to do a second PET scan, it depends patient to patient, but for those three months we can do CT scans." The option to follow up on a diagnostic PET scan with a short-interval CT scan, is just one way that New York Cancer & Blood Specialists offer comprehensive, personalized care to their patients.

Southampton Medical Oncology's new PET/CT scanner will improve the lives of Hamptonites, providing access to the very best that diagnostic imaging has to offer. Operated by a devoted team of radiologists and medical oncologists, it's a giant step toward a healthier East End.

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ANA PAKAL (CENTER RIGHT) AND OTHER PROUD FACES AT THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

cells. "We review the organs and the tissue, and that tracer that we give them attaches to those organs and it picks up. PET scans are pretty sensitive compared to all the other modalities." Some doctors have even used this technique to study Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and other brain and seizure disorders.

PET scans are an immensely important first step toward cancer treatment and are frequently

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## HONORING *the* ARTIST

### This Week's Cover Artist: Mike Stanko

Readers of *Dan's Papers* will likely recognize this week's cover art, "Cardinal Winter," as the work of frequent cover contributor Mike Stanko. Known for his bright colors and thick black outlines, Stanko has a style that's unmistakable.



and the beauty of Tiffany...I could go on.

**Your style is very bold and colorful. What draws you to this type of painting?**

I love color and have always been attracted to bold images that just grab you. Perhaps growing up in the '60s and '70s made a large influence on me: a psychedelic outlook on the brightness of the outdoors, and everything under the sun!

**If you had to choose a profession other than art, what would it be?**

I just had this conversation over Christmas dinner! The answer is that I might have tried to be a chef! It doesn't hurt that I'm a foodie, but, like artists, chefs take what's on their palette to create a work that was not there before. The difference for me, as an artist, is that I can't eat the grilled cheese sandwich in my painting! 🍷

See more of Mike Stanko's art at [stankoart.com](http://stankoart.com) and at [StankoArt](https://www.instagram.com/stankoart) on Instagram. See Stanko's previous *Dan's Papers* covers on [DansPapers.com](http://DansPapers.com) in the "Read the Archives" section.

**What was the inspiration for this piece?**

The cardinal was my mother's favorite bird. When I was growing up, she always kept birdfeeders in the backyard. All types of birds would come, but she always called me to look at the colorful cardinals when they were feeding. Naturally, whenever I see a cardinal, I think of Mom, and I've made a few paintings of them in her memory.

**How has living on Long Island informed your work?**

All my life I've lived on Long Island with beaches and New York City, each only miles away, providing four seasons of inspiration! The south shore beaches, the rural North Fork, and the electricity of the city are all major influences on my work.

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**Aside from your own work, what are some of your favorite works of art?**

I really appreciate the narrative Americana style of Norman Rockwell, in all of his works but especially "The Runaway;" Maxfield Parrish's dreamy subjects and the colors he paints in are stunning, notably "Sheltering Oaks." I love the simplicity of "Cakes" by Wayne Thiebaud, and especially love the pop works of Warhol,

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## Comedian Joseph Vecsey Makes Adam Sandler Laugh

At first glance, Joseph Vecsey is an unassuming, somewhat quiet guy. Polite and friendly, he's not at all what one would expect when thinking of side-splittingly funny standup comedians. But after delving into what makes him tick, the funnyman in Vecsey begins to rear his head.

"You know, it's hard," Vecsey begins when asked where he draws his inspiration. "If things are really good, it's sometimes hard to write. For example, I haven't had a toxic relationship in a while, so I don't have anything to say about that. But hopefully that comes soon, hopefully that happens! I can't wait for the next one," he says with a wink.

Vecsey started doing standup while he was studying film at Brooklyn College. "I was writing scripts at film school and stuff. It was all comedies, so I was already writing scripts—that's what I wanted to do," he says. "I wanted to mainly work in film, and my friend wanted to try standup, and I said I'd write some jokes for him because I was curious. I wasn't planning on going up, and he kind of forced me to go up on an open mic, and I was scared out of my mind! But it went well and we just kind of kept doing it. I never saw myself doing standup before that."

After finishing school, Vecsey got a job as a production assistant on the set of the Adam Sandler film *Grown Ups 2*, where he forged a relationship with the iconic star thanks to their shared love of basketball. "The first person who made an intro for us was Colin Quinn. I knew him from the standup stage. We were all fans of street basketball. He kind of initially made the intro with us. Basketball was a big common denominator," Vecsey says. He and Sandler are now longtime collaborators; most recently, Vecsey



COMEDIAN JOSEPH VECSEY ONSTAGE

co-produced Sandler's Netflix special, *100% Fresh*. He has also opened for Sandler at various shows and

been an on-set writer for several of Sandler's high-profile projects.

But it hasn't always been such smooth sailing for Vecsey. "I'm kind of a slow learner, so the first, even, four years of comedy is very like...I didn't feel like a real comedian until maybe six or seven years in. I don't know, you just kind of keep learning," he says. Vecsey then recounts the story of his most memorable (and not in a good way) gig. "The worst show I had—I've had a few really bad shows—but I definitely remember, four or five months into doing comedy, I did someone's birthday in Florida. They put me in front of the buffet table standing up with a mic and everybody gathered around. Nobody was sitting, they were just standing like I was giving a toast. Man...I was supposed to do 15 minutes. I did like seven; I was bombing so bad! Everyone was looking at me, and I just remember the disgust in people's faces, even people I knew, it was like they didn't even know me anymore!" he says with a laugh. "To this day I still have nightmares about that show. It was one of the worst experiences I ever had, but what was cool is I saw the [homeowner] a couple years ago, and he knew I was doing stuff with Sandler and touring, and standup and stuff. He said, 'I knew if you could get through that, you could get through anything!' People still talk about it to me. That was intense. That stands out as a bad experience, but it's funny now."

BY LEE MEYER

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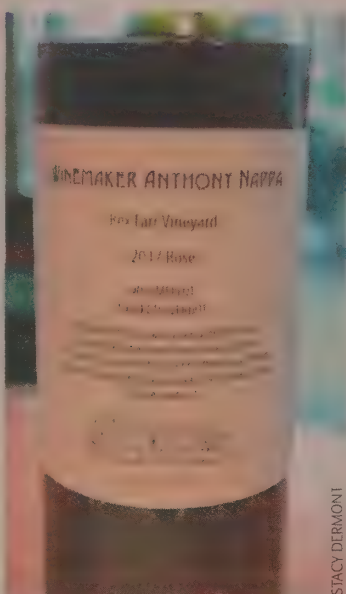


## HAMPTONS EPICURE Top 18 Things I Ate in 2018

BY STACY DERMONT

Eighteen is a small number to reduce an entire year of consumption down to—but, for the sake of delectable oversimplification, here goes.

1. At the **Springs Tavern** Jackson Pollock birthday celebration, one of the simplest of offerings was the most outstanding, the **Cross-Country Johnny Cakes** served piping hot with butter and maple syrup. 2. **Anthony Nappa Wines Rosato** is the first certified organic wine produced on the East Coast and it's an exceptional rosé. 3. I always try a restaurant's **carrot soup** given the opportunity. But when I found a special offering of roasted carrot soup with pickled ginger and crabmeat at **Buoy One in Riverhead** I was especially taken. 4. A distinctive taco in the sea of bland tacosomeness, the **chicken taco** at **Azao Café** in Hampton Bays is the real deal—dark meat and skin cooked into tender submission. 5. **Claude's** at the Southampton Inn, has been revamped, and its kitchen now holds Chef James Carpenter and many good things. His **Satur Farms Little Gem Salad** contains fennel fronds, micro greens, slightly pickled cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, radishes, pea shoots, tiny beet greens and, of course, Little Gem lettuce leaves, in a light shallot sherry vinaigrette. 6. Was there ever anything better than dinner at **Starr Boggs** restaurant in Westhampton



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taken with the **Elderflower Olive Oil Cake** with local blueberries and lemon mascarpone crema from **Lombardi's Love Lane Market**. 9. Slices of melon look like smiles for a reason! The **honeydew melon** from **Quail Hill Farm** wasn't just the juicy lusciousness of this perfectly ripe muskmelon that seduced, it was also its size. So small, so round, with its natural sections protruding outward like an overblown volleyball. 10. And a week later Quail Hill Farm's **watermelon** looked particularly luscious. And it was!

11. The lowly **donut** is not lowly at all direct from the production line at the **Milk Pail Fresh Market** in Water Mill. 12. It's rare that I touch down at an eatery and think, "Wow, several of these dishes are noteworthy." Rarer still is a **beet salad** that passes muster. But, the new **Green Hill Kitchen** on Front Street in Greenport was the site of just such a miracle. 13. Their **käse spätzle** is mixed with corn and zucchini chunks, somehow Chef Wolfgang Ban has prepared the vegetables in a way that enhances the lusciousness of this gruyere-driven dish. 14. The **tuna with wasabi microgreens** brought some welcome heat and the cauliflower with its bright salsa verde, pistachios and lemon zest was just right. 15. When my husband and I headed into **Lucharitos** in Greenport for the first time I decided to order the most plebeian thing on the menu—a veggie **Frida's Salad**. This mélange of mixed local greens, tomato, corn salsa, salsa fresca and guacamole was outstanding. 16. The good-stuff-they-can't-actually-call-"Port" from **Sannino Vineyards** in Peconic. If the traditional fortified red dessert wine is called Port because it's from Portugal, let's call this good stuff from the North Fork "Nort." 17. A double: the final course in the recent **Macari Vineyards** dinner at the **Maidstone** in East Hampton on November 30 was truly the piece de resistance: **lavender panna cotta** topped with honey poached pears, paired with Macari's **Block E Dessert Wine**. 18. The **butternut squash bánh mì** at the **Amber Waves Farmers Market** in Amagansett. I'll see you there next fall!

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## Southampton Hospital Honors Activist Edie Windsor

Edith “Edie” Windsor, who passed away in September 2017, will always be remembered for being the catalyst in overturning Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act, paving the way for same-sex marriage in the United States. Windsor was also a beloved Southamptonite, an integral part of the area’s community for many years. To honor her legacy and life, Stony Brook Southampton Hospital’s HIV/AIDS treatment and outreach program, The David E. Rogers, MD Center will be renamed The Edith Windsor Center later this year.

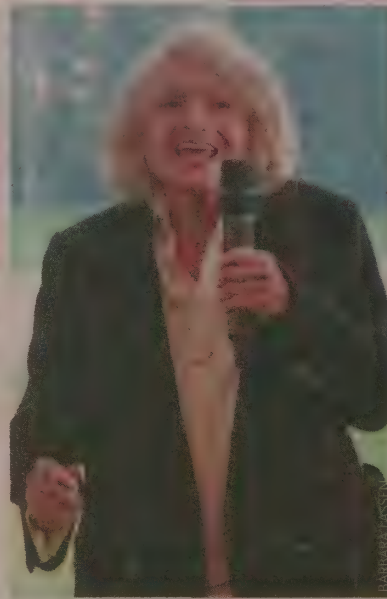
“Edie Windsor was a good friend of the hospital and part of our family, and her death really inspired us to honor her work and her legacy,” says Stony Brook Southampton Hospital’s Chief Development Officer Steven Bernstein. “It made perfect sense at this time, as our David E. Rogers center is about to enter into a transition, to rethink it and reinvent it, and in the process honor the life and legacy of someone who is such an iconic figure in the LGBTQ community.” The Center currently provides outpatient services, including HIV testing, treatment and support services for those living with HIV/AIDS.

The hospital is currently working to expand the center’s already comprehensive programs, and will take this transitional time to honor Windsor, as well as others, for their exceptional contributions to the LGBTQ world. “We’re not only going to rename the center; we’re also going to undertake a million-dollar capital campaign to relocate the center from its present site in Southampton to a site in Hampton Bays, to expand its current range of programs and present an award every year to someone who best

emulates Edie’s life and work. It’s an opportunity that works on all levels for us,” Bernstein says. Part of the fundraising campaign will take place at Edie’s Backyard BBQ, an annual Hamptons event held every Memorial Day weekend. The hospital is also working on a gift campaign and hopes to secure funds from both individuals and organizations.

Bernstein hopes that by renaming and relocating the Center, more people will become aware of its services. “People love the Center. People who get treatment there and people who know of the Center hold it in the highest regard because it’s the only one of its kind on the East End,” he explains. “Part of the problem for us is that too few people know about it. In doing what we’re doing, in undertaking this campaign, it gives us an opportunity to call attention to the Center in a very meaningful and productive way. This will heighten public awareness about the Center and what it does. Our intention is not only to raise the funds needed to support the Center and its current and proposed set of programs but also [educate] the people on the East End and beyond.”

The Center is just one of the many initiatives for the hospital that have sprung up in the wake of the merger with Stony Brook Medicine, which was made



LGBTQ ACTIVIST EDIE WINDSOR

official in 2017. “Our partnership with Stony Brook Medicine has been very positive and important for the entire operation,” Bernstein says. “It’s given us an opportunity to raise the level of care we provide to the East End across the board. The looming prospect of building a new hospital on the campus of [Stony Brook Southampton] is very exciting. The opportunity to build a satellite emergency department in East Hampton is very exciting. So our coming together with Stony Brook has been a very positive move for us and the community. In the months and years to come, the impact of that partnership will be even greater.”

It’s an exciting time for Stony Brook Southampton Hospital and the LGBTQ population of the East End, to be sure. “It’s an opportunity to reimagine the healthcare landscape of the East End,” Bernstein says. “We’re not going to get a chance to do this again in our lifetime, and we want to do it right and provide our community with the best possible care, and we’re taking the steps in our planning process to make sure that’s the case. This initiative, our ability to enhance and call attention to this center to renaming it, is just one part of them.”

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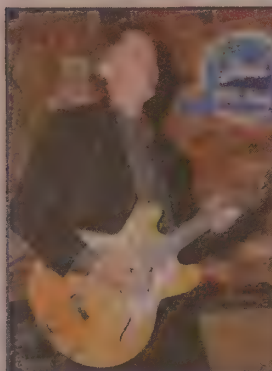
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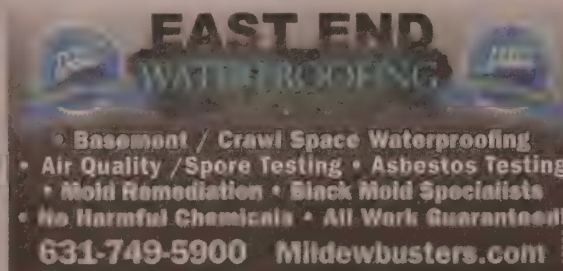
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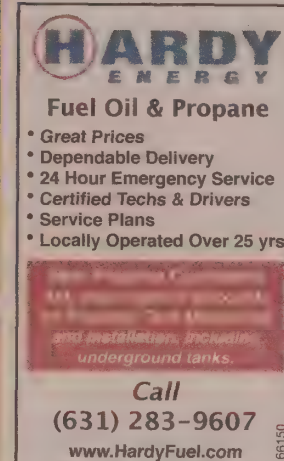
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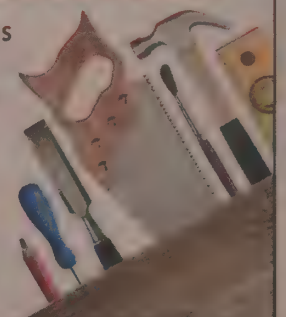
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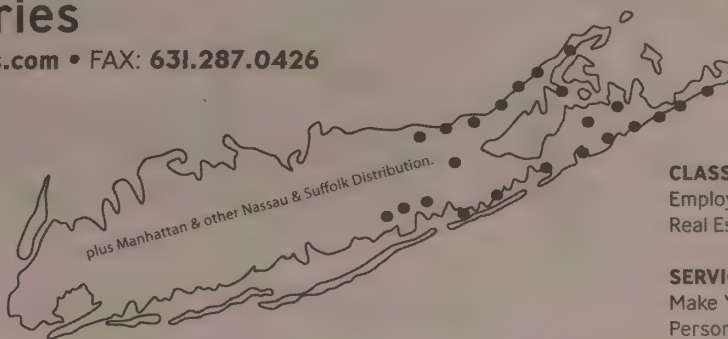
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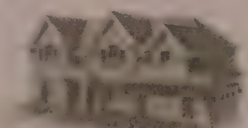
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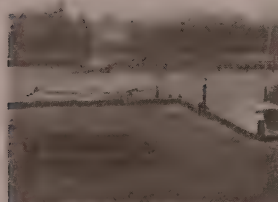
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With that in mind, we've adapted some popular New Year's resolutions for the East End market.

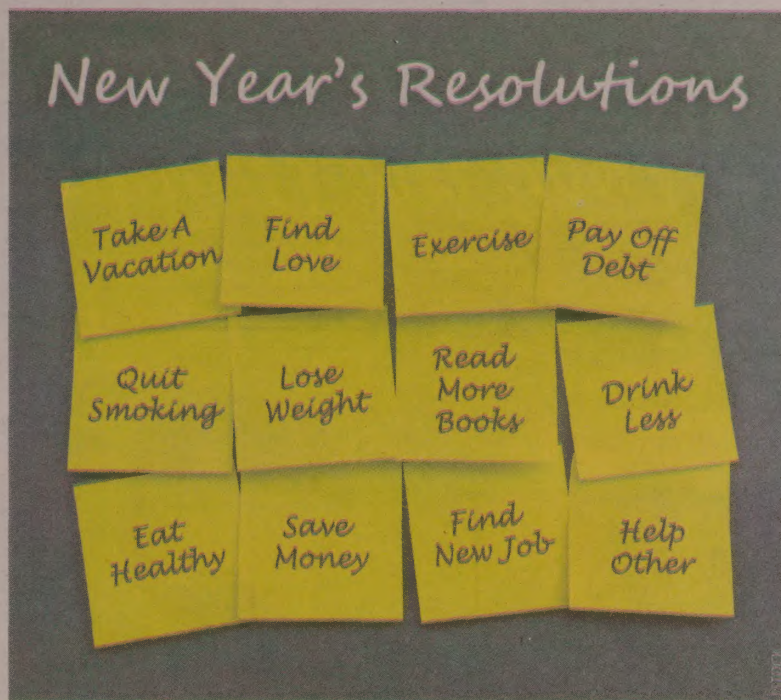
### LOSE WEIGHT

Let's lose the dead weight, notably overly large spec houses no one seems to want or need. These overblown, overpriced houses are dead weight dragging down the market. Time and again, we've seen really well-done flips or new construction that is clearly prize quality (quirky, interesting features; good-looking architectural elements rather than the same ol' same ol') sell quickly, even in a down market.

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS ARE FUN AND IMPORTANT...AND CAN SAVE YOU SOME MONEY IN REAL ESTATE!

### SPEND LESS MONEY

Let's stop overpricing houses, both as agents and sellers. Let's be realistic about what properties are worth—which is only what anyone else is willing to pay for them. We need to acknowledge that the market is currently in a correction and that the go-go years of the early and mid teens are over for now.

### GET ORGANIZED

Let's get better tools for buying and selling real estate. Buyers today almost always do all their preliminary work via the internet. Sites like Out East, Zillow and Trulia offer different features, but they could be easier to use. And of course each agency offers their listings on their own site, but many of them are simply not updated often enough to be useful. When it comes down to it, having a good relationship with an agent you trust is still critical.

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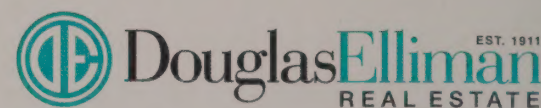
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